

REMARKS

Claims 8, 16-20, 22-23, 30, 37-47 have been amended for purposes of clarity and thus for reasons unrelated to patentability.

In the Office Action Summary, the Examiner states that Claims 1-49 are pending in the applications and that Claims 1-47 are allowed. Applicants notes that Claim 21 was previously canceled by Applicants. Accordingly, at the time of examination, Claims 1-20, 22-49 were pending.

Claims 48-49, the only rejected claims, have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution. Accordingly, all pending claims, i.e., Claims 1-20, 22-47, have been allowed and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

For purposes of clarifying the record, Applicants note that the Examiner erroneously lists Wang et al. as "5,977,616" in heading 2 at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants note that Wang et al. is 5,977,626, as correctly listed on the PTO-892 that was attached to the March 12, 2003 Office Action. Please contact the Attorney for Applicants if this is incorrect.

Conclusion

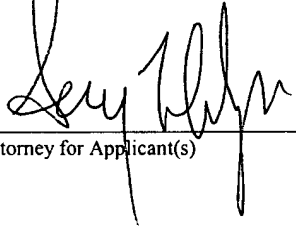
Claims 1-20, 22-47 are pending in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully

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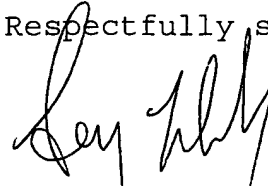
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